

**Amendments to the Claims:** This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present patent application.

Listing of Claims:

1-6 (Cancelled)

7. (Withdrawn) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 2, further comprising a second resilient member mounted between a front portion of said skate boot and a front portion of said chassis.

8. (Withdrawn) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 7 wherein said second resilient member is made of rubber or other suitable elastomeric material.

9. (Withdrawn) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 8 wherein said chassis comprises two parallel rails and a bridge portion connecting a front portion of said rails, said second resilient member resting on said bridge portion.

10-14 (Cancelled)

15. (Withdrawn) An in-line roller skate as defined in any one of claim 14, further comprising a second resilient member mounted between said front portion of said outsole and said front portion of said chassis.

16. (Withdrawn) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 15 wherein said second resilient member is made of rubber or other suitable elastomeric material.

17. (Withdrawn) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 16 wherein said chassis comprises two parallel rails and a bridge portion connecting a front portion of said two rails, said second resilient member resting on said bridge portion.

18. (Withdrawn) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 10 wherein said chassis is integrally connected to said outsole.

19. (Withdrawn) An ice skate comprising:

(a) a skate boot upper for enclosing and supporting a human foot;

(b) an outsole mounted to said skate boot upper; and

(c) a blade holder having front and rear pedestals and a bridge portion connecting said front and rear pedestals, said blade holder being mounted to said outsole;

wherein said outsole comprises a resilient component inserted thereto for reducing shocks and vibrations, said outsole further comprising a fork-like structure having upper and lower platforms defining a space therebetween for receiving said resilient component, said upper and lower platforms branching out from an intersection portion of said fork-like structure and being adapted to flex at said intersection portion for compressing said resilient component.

20. (Withdrawn) An ice skate as defined in claim 19 wherein said blade holder is integrally connected to said outsole.

21-31 (Cancelled)

32. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate comprising:

- (a) a skate boot comprising an upper for enclosing and supporting a human foot, said upper comprising a bottom portion;
- (b) a chassis carrying a plurality of aligned wheels, said chassis having front and rear portions;
- (c) an outsole covering said bottom portion of said upper, said outsole comprising a heel portion having a fork structure comprising upper and lower platforms and a rear mounting bracket extending downwardly from said lower platform for mounting said outsole to said rear portion of said chassis; and
- (d) an insert sandwiched between said upper and lower platforms for reducing shocks and vibrations transferred from said chassis to the human foot when one of said aligned wheels abuts an obstacle.

33. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 32 wherein said upper and lower platforms define a cavity and said insert is shaped to conform to said cavity.

34. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 33 wherein said insert is made of a deformable elastomer material.

35. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 34 wherein said upper platform and said lower platform branch out from an intersecting portion of said fork structure, said upper platform and said lower platform being adapted to flex at said intersecting portion for compressing said insert when one of said aligned wheels abuts an obstacle.
36. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 35 wherein said rear mounting bracket comprises an aperture extending perpendicularly relative to a longitudinal axis of said skate.
37. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 36 wherein said outsole comprises front mounting brackets extending downwardly from a front portion of said outsole for mounting said outsole to said front portion of said chassis.
38. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 37 wherein said front mounting brackets comprises co-axial apertures.
39. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 35 wherein said insert comprises at least one air pocket.
40. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 35 wherein said insert comprises a central portion and a peripheral portion, said central portion being thinner than said peripheral portion.
41. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 35 wherein said insert comprises a bulging central portion.
42. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 35 wherein said insert comprises a plurality of holes.

43. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 35 wherein said boot comprises a midsole enclosed between said bottom portion of said upper and said front portion of said outsole.
44. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 37 wherein said chassis comprises two parallel rails and said front portion of said chassis comprises a bridge portion connecting said rails, said bridge portion comprising an aperture aligned with said co-axial apertures of said front mounting brackets.
45. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 44 wherein said skate comprises a front fastener passing through said co-axial apertures of said front mounting brackets and said aperture of said bridge portion.
46. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 45 wherein said front fastener comprises a bolt and a nut.
47. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 36 wherein said chassis comprises two parallel rails with co-axial apertures at said rear portion of said chassis, said co-axial apertures being aligned with said aperture of said rear mounting bracket.
48. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 47 wherein said skate comprises a rear fastener passing through said aperture of said rear mounting bracket and said co-axial apertures of said rails.
49. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 48 wherein said rear fastener comprises a bolt and a nut.
50. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 37 wherein said chassis comprises two parallel rails having co-axial apertures at said rear portion of said chassis, said co-axial apertures being aligned with said aperture of said rear mounting bracket, and

a bridge portion connecting said rails at said front portion of said chassis, said bridge portion comprising an aperture aligned with said co-axial apertures of said front mounting brackets, said skate comprising a front fastener passing through said co-axial apertures of said front mounting brackets and said aperture of said bridge portion and a rear fastener passing through said aperture of said rear mounting bracket and said co-axial apertures of said rails.

51. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate comprising:
- (a) a skate boot comprising an upper for enclosing and supporting a human foot, said upper comprising a bottom portion;
  - (b) a chassis carrying a plurality of aligned wheels, said chassis comprising two parallel rails having front and rear portion extending upwardly into respective front and rear pedestals that are integrally formed with an outsole covering said bottom portion of said upper, said outsole comprising a heel portion having a fork structure comprising upper and lower platforms; and
  - (c) an insert sandwiched between said upper and lower platforms for reducing shocks and vibrations transferred from said chassis to the human foot when one of said aligned wheels abuts an obstacle.
52. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 51 wherein said upper and lower platforms define a cavity and said insert is shaped to conform to said cavity.
53. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 52 wherein said insert is made of a deformable elastomer material.
54. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 53 wherein said upper platform and said lower platform branch out from an intersecting portion of said fork structure, said upper platform and said lower platform being adapted to flex at said intersecting portion for compressing said insert when one of said aligned wheels abuts an obstacle.

55. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 54 wherein said insert comprises at least one air pocket.
56. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 54 wherein said insert comprises a central portion and a peripheral portion, said central portion being thinner than said peripheral portion.
57. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 54 wherein said insert comprises a bulging central portion.
58. (Newly added) An in-line roller skate as defined in claim 54 wherein said insert comprises a plurality of holes.